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SUBJECT: CEP: SUMMARY OF POSITIONS FOR PETROLEUM PLANNING

COMMITTEE MEETING, MARCH 25-26, 1975

REF: AC/12-A/72

FOLLOWING ARE SUMMARIES OF US POSITIONS FOR SUBJECT MEETING,
KEYED TO AGENDA ITEMS IN REFD. US REPRESENTATIVE IS
HAND-CARRYING FULL INSTRUCTIONS.

I. RECORD OF DECISIONS OF PREVIOUS MEETING

US SHOULD APPROVE THE DECISION SHEET.

II. DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE SENIOR COMMITTEE

US SHOULD NOTE THE SENIOR COMMITTEE'S DECISIONS.

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III. EXAMINATION OF THE NWO AND ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE

A. FLEXIBILITY OF THE NWO AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

US POSITION IS AS FOLLOWS: MOST IMPORTANT GOAL IN EXAMINATION OF NWO AND REVISION OF ITS TOR SHOULD BE TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR OPERATION OF NWO DURING FULL RANGE OF PETROLEUM EMERGENCY SITUATIONS WHICH MIGHT CONFRONT NATO. THIS INCLUDES (1) ACHIEVEMENT OF DEGREE OF

FLEXIBILITY WHICH WILL PERMIT NWO TO FUNCTION IN CRISIS SITUATIONS IN WHICH WAR APPEARS TO BE IMMINENT AND (2) IN PLANNING FOR WARTIME SITUATIONS, MOVEMENT AWAY FROM EXCLUSIVELY NUCLEAR OR POST-NUCLEAR ORIENTATION. US SHOULD URGE ADOPTION OF PROPOSED REVISED TOR.

B. CONSULTANTS

US HAS GONE ON RECORD AS OPPOSING NOMINATION OF CONSULTANTS PRIOR TO AN ACTUAL NEED FOR THEM HAVING BEEN ESTABLISHED. FURTHER, US POSITION ON OIL CONSULTANTS CONTINUES TO BE THAT WE WILL NOT NOMINATE ANY UNTIL DETAILS ARE FORTHCOMING FROM THE COUNCIL OR SCEPC ON SUCH THINGS AS PROBABLE LENGTH OF CONSULTANCY, PURPOSE FOR CONSULTANCY, LEGAL STATUS OF CONSULTANTS, POSSIBLE CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS, REMUNERATION AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS.

IV. TRAINING

A. REPORT ON TRAINING SESSION FOR CSA/JOS(WEST) DESIGNEES
- IN 1974

US SHOULD REPORT COMPLETION OF ROUGH DRAFTS OF JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR ALL JOS(W) POSITIONS.

B. 1975 TRAINING SESSION FOR NOEB/JOS(EAST)

US SHOULD NOTE IS REPORT.

C. 1976 PRACTICAL TRAINING SESSION FOR NOEB/JOS(WEST)

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US SHOULD NOTE (I) DISCUSSIONS BEING HELD WITH DIRECTOR JOS(W) TO DETERMINE WHO FROM ORGANIZATION SHOULD ASSIST IN PREPARATION FOR 1976 TRAINING SESSION AND (II) OP/GSA FACILITY MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR SESSION. US SHOULD ALSO DISCUSS FINANCIAL DETAILS OF SESSION WITH IS.

V. READINESS OF NCWAS

A. REPORT OF VISIT TO NOEB/DSEB(WEST)

US SHOULD REPORT THAT IT IS CONTINUING ITS SITE SELECTION STUDY, WHICH SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY LATE SUMMER/EARLY FALL 1975.

B. REPORT OF VISIT TO NOEB/DSEB(EAST)

US SHOULD NOTE IS STATEMENT.

C. STAFFING LIST OF THE NWO

THREE US VACANCIES CITED IN AC/12-WP/99(2ND REVISE) HAVE BEEN TAKEN CARE OF. US REP WILL BRING DETAILS TO MEETING.

VI. WAR MANUAL

US COMMENTS ON CHAPTERS 5 AND 6 WERE SUBMITTED TO THE WORKING GROUP VIA STATE 053574.

US SHOULD REVIEW AC/12-WP/102(3RD REVISE) CAREFULLY TO INSURE THAT IT TAKES INTO ACCOUNT COMMENTS MADE BY JOS(W) MEMBERS AT SEPTEMBER 1974 TRAINING SESSION.

VII. REPORT ON STOCKS AND STORAGE

US SHOULD NOTE REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF STOCKS AND STORAGE SUBGROUP.

VIII. OPERATIONAL CONCEPT OF NOEB/JOS AND COOPERATION WITH THE DSA

RECOGNIZING THAT PROGRESS ON THIS ISSUE WILL NOT BE MADE UNTIL SOME DEGREE OF AGREEMENT IS REACHED AMONG ALL CONFIDENTIAL

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PARTIES CONCERNED ON CERTAIN BASIC ISSUES, US DELEGATIONS TO PPC AND PBOS HAVE DRAFTED PAPER (WHICH WILL BE TABLED AT MEETING) WHICH FOCUSES PRIMARILY ON TWO QUESTIONS WHICH SEEM TO BE CENTRAL TO ISSUE AS A WHOLE: (1) WHICH NCWA SHOULD MANAGE TANKER OPERATIONS? AND (2) WHO SHALL BE THE CHARTERER? PAPER ESTABLISHES CERTAIN AGREED PREMISES AND THEN REACHES FOLLOWING MAJOR CONCLUSIONS:

(A) IN FORMULATION OF OPERATIONAL CONCEPT OF DSA/NWO, MOST IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT IS A STRONG MECHANISM BY WHICH COOPERATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN DSA AND NWO IN MANAGEMENT OF TANKERS CAN BE ASSURED AT ALL APPROPRIATE LEVELS.

(B) BECAUSE IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PLANNING AND EXECUTING

NATO OIL SUPPLY PROGRAMS IN WARTIME, NWOO WOULD HAVE TO BE ABLE TO EXERCISE SUBSTANTIAL DEGREE OF DE FACTO CONTROL OVER TANKER OPERATIONS.

(C) HOWEVER, DSA, THROUGH THE NSAS, WOULD NECESSARILY HAVE TO RETAIN LEGAL CONTROL OF TANKER OPERATIONS IN ORDER TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE (I) FOR GOVERNMENTS TO REQUISITION TANKERS AND (II) FOR ALL TANKERS EMPLOYED BY THE ALLIANCE

TO BE COVERED BY NATO WAR-RISK INSURANCE.

IX. REPORT ON OCEAN SHIPPING FREIGHT RATE STUDIES

US SHOULD NOTE REPORT CONTAINED IN AC/12-N/279.

X. CHAIRMANSHIP OF NOA AND NOEBS

OF THREE ALTERNATIVES PROPOSED FOR SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, EITHER OF FIRST TWO WOULD BE PRACTICAL AND ACCEPTABLE TO US. HOWEVER, US SHOULD MOVE TO HAVE ALTERNATIVE THREE ELIMINATED, POINTING OUT THAT MEMBERS OF JOS ARE APPOINTED TO SERVE AS TECHNICAL EXPERTS AND NOT AS POLICY-MAKERS OR INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL MEDIATORS.

IF SUBJECT RAISED, US SHOULD URGE THAT ANY RECONSIDERATION OF AC/12-D/574 BE MADE BY WORKING GROUP.
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XI. TRADE AMONG NATO COUNTRIES AND WITH NON-NATO COUNTRIES IN TIMES OF CRISIS AND WAR

US SHOULD NOTE STATEMENT BY THE RAPPORTEUR AND SHOULD EXERCISE CAUTION IN INSURING THAT US COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN PROPOSED SMALL-SCALE EXERCISE IS IN NO WAY CONSTRUED AS AN EXPLICIT OR IMPLICIT US COMMITMENT TO JOINT PROCUREMENT OF OIL IN WARTIME.

XII. THE ALLIANCE AND THE PROBLEM OF OIL SUPPLY

US SHOULD NOTE STATEMENT BY IS. ANY DISCUSSION OF SUBJECT BY US SHOULD CONFORM TO PREVIOUSLY ARTICULATED US POSITIONS ON SUBJECT (SEE US POSITION PAPER FOR FEBRUARY 26-28, 1975 SCEPC MEETING, AGENDA ITEM VII.)

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